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ABRAHAM LINCOLN DAY 2009 PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President, was one of the Nation's most prominent leaders, demonstrating true courage during the Civil War, one of the greatest crises in the Nation's history;

Whereas, born of humble roots in Hardin (now LaRue) County, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln rose to the Presidency through a legacy of honesty, integrity, intelligence, and commitment to the United States;

Whereas, with the belief that all men were created equal, Abraham Lincoln led the effort to free all slaves in the United States;

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln had a generous heart, with "malice toward none, with charity for all;"

Whereas Abraham Lincoln gave the ultimate sacrifice for the country he loved, dying from an assassin's bullet on April 15, 1865;

Whereas, all Americans could benefit from studying the life of Abraham Lincoln, for Lincoln's life is a model for accomplishing the "American Dream" through honesty, integrity, loyalty, and a lifetime of education;

Whereas, the year 2009 will be the Bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln;

NOW THEREFORE, I, _____, (Mayor, Governor, etc.) of _____, do hereby proclaim

February 12, 2009, as Abraham Lincoln Day. I urge citizens, schools, businesses, churches, and media of

_____ to use this occasion to dedicate ourselves to preserve the legacy of our 16th President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ___th day of _____ 2009.